

Greenbelt News Review

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City Council Displeased

Greenbelt Request For Open Space Funds Excluded from Hogan County Council List

by Bill Rowland

For the second time in a week, city council members expressed strong concern about action reportedly taken by Prince Georges County Executive Lawrence Hogan and the County Council to refuse State of Maryland "Program Open Space" funds to the City of Greenbelt. A metropolitan newspaper had reported recently that Hogan and County Council President Parris Glendening had sent a preliminary list of acquisition and development projects to the state which did not include the \$481,000 asked for by Greenbelt. The city had wanted the money during the next fiscal year to improve the Northway Fields ballgrounds and to buy six to eight acres of new parkland east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Although hampered by not having seen a copy of the letter to the state, city council members, making clear their displeasure, voted to send a letter to Hogan stating that displeasure and asking for reconsideration.

Councilman Tom White saw the county action as indicative of a basic inequity in the state law governing "Program Open Space." White explained that Greenbelt has its own park system independent of the county's Park District. Therefore, the city should be able to ask the state directly for open-space funds without being

subject to the veto power of "another municipality" — that is, the county.

White rejected the idea that other "local" (county) officials could tell the state that Greenbelt already has enough park lands. Said White: "Greenbelt has to assert itself . . . on this issue . . . because we are being cut out of the pie."

Council also authorized the city manager to do a comparative study of open-space monies received by Greenbelt and by other county jurisdictions over the last several years. The study is expected to bear out the contention that the city has not been getting an equitable share of the state funds.

Employee Relations Board

The Chairman of the city's Employee Relations Board, Albert Herling, had previously asked council to amend the city charter to provide for two alternate members in addition to the present three members. Herling had explained that the absence of one or two members can make it impossible for the board to conduct business on a timely basis.

During its February 2 meeting, council held the first reading of a charter amendment resolution which will enlarge the Employee Relations Board to five members and which sets out rules to govern situations when fewer than the five members are present. Herling told council he found the proposed resolution acceptable.

Deferred Compensation Program

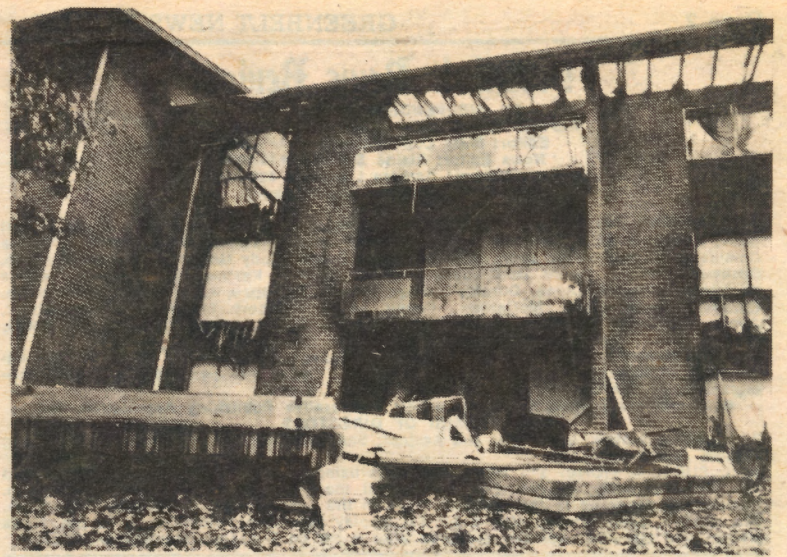
City council passed a charter amendment resolution which will

allow the city to establish a deferred compensation program in which city employees may elect to participate.

A deferred compensation program is an investment plan for state and local government employees which provides for incentives and financial advantages over regular savings plans, as well as helping employees to provide for their own future financial security. Such a program is similar to tax-incentive savings plans, such as IRA and Keogh plans, that are available to private-sector employees.

Federal tax law allows a city to set up a program whereby a participating employee may set aside, through payroll deductions, up to 25 percent of annual gross compensation (or \$7500, whichever is less). The employee pays no income tax on the contributions and accrued interest until such time as the employee actually receives the money. Payment to the employee (or his or her heirs) occurs only under specified circumstances, such as retirement, termination, death, disability, or unforeseen financial hardship.

For employees who elect to participate, the city will invest the deferred compensation with a company specializing in such funds. The city staff has already made a comparative study of the benefits and costs of seven such companies. The cost to the city is considered nominal, involving only accounting for payroll deductions and a small amount of dealings with the company selected to administer the program.



An early morning fire gutted this Springhill Lake apartment at 9170 Edmonston Road on Tuesday, February 17. Photo, taken mid-afternoon, shows rear side of building. Half-burned furniture lies in disarray on the water soaked lawn; plywood

SHL Fire Routs 22 Families

by Barbara Likowski

Twenty-two families were routed by fire from their apartments in Springhill Lake early Tuesday morning. Of these people from three units were totally burned out, 10 families had units with damaged apartments and the rest were forced to leave because their utilities had to be turned off. No one was injured.

The fire started in the living room of a first floor apartment at 9170 Edmonston Road and extended to a building at 9168 Edmonston. According to Captain Scanlon, a staff officer in the County Communications Center, the first calls to the fire department came at 1:51 and 2:02 a.m. One of these calls came from a resident in a third floor apartment who was alerted when his smoke detector went off.

Responding to the fire were eight engine companies, four ladder (truck) companies, one squad company and one ambulance. Also special alarms were sent out for more specialized equipment, such as breathing apparatus. By 3:10 a.m. the fire was under control.

Damage was estimated at \$200,000 to the structures and \$50,000 to contents. Most of the contents were destroyed in eight units. Investigation is continuing as to the cause of the fire.

The American Red Cross was on hand to work with those needing help and is continuing to work with Springhill Lake management to assist where needed. Referrals will be made to other agencies, if necessary. According to Horton, property manager, families were temporarily located in motels, with friends or are renting other apartments. Measures have been taken to secure the building and a watch will be kept. Before plans can be made for reoccupancy of any of the apartments, they must be inspected by county building inspectors.

For those who wish to help, donations may be made to the Springhill Lake Fire Fund, Springhill Lake Community

House, 6220 Springhill Dr., Greenbelt, Md. 20770 — Attn., Martha Hutton.



A third floor tenant salvages a handfull of her possessions Tuesday afternoon.

— Photos by staff photographer Jay Henson

GHI Board Gives Final Approval To Individual Home Inspections

by June Webb

By working until 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors succeeded in completing almost the entire agenda. Final approval was given for the inspection of all GHI homes and for hiring an information specialist. Also approved were expenditures for the codification of GHI rules and regulations, and a solid waste removal contract with Village Disposal for rehab.

Authorization for individual home surveys came up for second reading and much discussion prior to its final approval. Manager Ken Kopstein explained that the survey was needed to satisfy HUD requirements for Section 8 financing. All units must be inspected so that Section 8 financing can be transferred to any unit in GHI. He further said that the survey would be helpful in developing specifications for Phase 2 rehab.

Members Eunice Coxen, Bettie Denson and Nat Shinderman expressed opposition to the survey. Director Carl Conrad said the proposed inspection was too extensive and too expensive. On the other hand, Director Steve Curtis, saying the new heating system must be in place before the next heating season, favored the proposal. The inspection and

write-up, expected to take 6 weeks, must be completed before Phase 2 work can be put out to bid.

Director Ed James, however, objected to asking all members to share in a cost which he viewed as benefitting only members who receive the federal housing assistance payments—a minority of GHI members.

Audit Committee member Katherine Keene stressed that in a cooperative the members support and assist each other. She rejected Director Ed James' statement that members would be "subsidizing a minority."

Approval was given with Directors Della Donaldson, Margaret Hogensen, Curtis and Joe Jenkins in favor; James, Conrad, and John Lewis against. Director Wayne Williams was absent due

Advance Tickets For Gong Show

Tickets for the Gong Show can be purchased in advance at the Utopia Theater Box Office next week on Monday through Friday from 7-9 p.m. This gala variety show, featuring song, dance, comedy, mime and theater, will be held Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. For information call 474-9347 or 474-7272. Free door prizes will be given from ticket drawings.

People's Night at City Hall

Prince Georges County Council Member Frank P. Casula will sponsor a People's Night on Thursday, Feb. 26, at Greenbelt City Hall from 7:30 to 10 p.m. No appointments are necessary and citizens will be greeted on a first-come basis.

"It is important that everyone have an opportunity to discuss their concerns, either with legislation pending or with a problem that my office can handle," Casula said.

to illness.

By another 4-3 vote, final approval was given to hiring a temporary information specialist. Those voting for the motion were Hogensen, Donaldson, Lewis and Curtis. Against were Conrad, See GHI BOARD, p. 5, col. 1

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 24

7:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Public Library

Meeting Room, Lower Level

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Police Department and

Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Features lecture, demonstration, discussion

Contact Dennis Lewis, Coordinator, Member Services, GHI

474-5566 If you need or can provide transportation to the meeting

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Essence of Cooperatives

To the Editor:

At the last GHI Board meeting Director Ed James went to some lengths to allege that the GHI members who will be getting Section 8 loans under the HUD program will be "subsidized" by the other members. Now to me "subsidized" is a strange sort of word to be used in connection with any group of members in a cooperative. In fact, in a way subsidizing other members is what cooperatives are all about, in a tradition that goes all the way back to the first cooperative in Toad Lane in Rochdale, England, 140 years ago.

The essence of a cooperative is that members help each other. None may need help all the time from the rest, but all can use help some of the time. We know when we move into GHI that we are entering a cooperative, and I believe that for a Board member to use any term critical of members on a lower income level than some of the more fortunate ones is deplorable.

At times I find myself wondering if Mr. James really understands the nature of a cooperative. At one of the first meetings I attended as a member of the Audit Committee I was startled to hear him suggest that inasmuch as members contract independently when they want their refrigerators serviced, their cars repaired, or their TV fixed, they might as well contract for their own heating maintenance and repairs when we are all converted to electric heat!

I travel a lot, and a strange thing has happened several times. Sooner or later conversation turns to where this "Greenbelt" is that I talk about so much. I explain that I live in a large cooperative; that even with a garage

Star-gazing Program At Science Center

Does life exist on other planets? Or are earthlings alone in the universe?

These questions will be the focus of a star-gazing program to be offered to the public this spring by the Howard B. Owens Science Center of the Prince Georges County Public Schools. Entitled "The Loneliness Factor," the program will examine the origins of the universe and the communications techniques now being used to locate other life forms among the stars.

The hour-long planetarium program will be presented at 7 p.m. on four Wednesdays: February 25, March 25, April 22 and May 27. The science center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. There is a nominal fee.

For further information, call 577-8718.

Boys & Girls Club

The Greenbelt girls 15 and under basketball team, with a 7-1 record, has beaten every team in the division at least once. The team is coached by Joe Bistany.

I pay under \$250 a month for my total housing charges — taxes, maintenance, a park-like setting for my house, heat, hot water, sewage, garbage, everything but electricity and phone. "My, there must be a long line of people waiting to move in!" I answer, "You'd think so, but there is a group of members who do nothing but complain. They never have anything constructive to suggest, but only complain. It's too bad, but there it is."

Katherine Keene

Open Letter

To the Greenbelt City Council:

Your reaction to the article in the **Greenbriar Crier** is appalling.

To suggest that the Crime Prevention Team is attempting to faction the community by responding to questions of concerned citizens is at best the repressive politics practiced by dictatorships. The article in the Feb. 5 **Greenbelt News Review** indicates that your decisions have been firmly made; however, you will go through the motions of investigating the situation in much the same manner as kangaroo court is conducted.

I attended a similar Crime Prevention meeting sponsored by Windsor Green at Roosevelt High School on 2/3/81 where a different group of citizens asked essentially the same questions referenced in the **Crier** article. Virtually the same answers were given to the questions by Chief Lane as had been attributed to the Crime Prevention Team. The one notable difference was Chief Lane's statement that Greenbelt is divided into two sectors for patrol purposes while those persons who have scanners are aware of 3 sectors.

Questions were raised concerning the number of officers available to serve us and whether current staffing was adequate, particularly in light of the increased responsibility relevant to the opening of Basco, Marshalls and the Greenway Shopping Center. Those present generally expressed appreciation for police efforts but were genuinely concerned at the limited number of officers available at a given time, the multiplicity of duties assigned to any one officer and the reasons why vacancies exist on our force. Questions of this nature coming from two different citizens' groups are hardly divisive or, to paraphrase council — attempts to pit one part of the community against another. What is evidenced, is a unity of citizens from different areas expressing the same concerns and wanting answers, not political rhetoric. Two questions repeatedly asked in various forms by numerous persons but never answered were: (1) To whom do we address requests for additional police officers? and (2) How can we petition to have an outside consultant group evaluate our current police force against the services needed and desired by its citizens? We were told instead that we have enough officers and don't need outsiders to come in to evaluate our situation.

City council appears to have forgotten that it is elected to respond to the concerns of the citizens of Greenbelt. Instead, it has attempted to draw attention away from the real issues by suggesting that the Crime Prevention Program be abolished, denigrating the character of the Crime Prevention Team and insulting the intelligence of citizens, many of whom left in disgust following Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak's responses to direct questions with inaccurate/ambivalent figures and circumlocution.

Gentlemen, I propose that you (1) candidly answer the questions raised at these meetings, (2) demonstrate a willingness to consider perspectives and information other than your own in reaching decisions, (3) publicly apologize to the Crime Prevention Team for the . . . accusation you have made and (4) in the future, send a knowledgeable council representative to community meetings or thoroughly investigate the proceedings before maligning the character and intent of those present.

Barbara R. Cho

Mishkan Torah News

David Frager of the Board of Jewish Education will discuss the Afternoon Talmud Torah at the Mishkan Torah on Friday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. Saturday services begin at 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, Rabbi Kenneth Berger will conduct the first class on "Reconstructionism" at 11 a.m.

Little League Sign-Up

Registration for the Greenbelt Little League will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, and Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Recreation Center. Boys and girls, aged 8 to 12, who wish to play Little League baseball this season may register at that time.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
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 422-8057

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3215 Powder Mill Road
 4 blocks south of High Pt. H.S.

Feb. 22 - 9:30 a.m. Forum
 "Genetic Engineering" by Dr. William Gartland
 11 a.m. Service - "Beyond Winners and Losers: A Feminist Revolt"

Rev. Richard W. Kelley, Min.
 937-3666

GHI Notes

*Unit Inspections

GHI began unit inspections this week, starting Wednesday, Feb. 18. The inspection will document what changes have taken place in the original structures.

This data base can be used: (1) to help in preparation of "specs" (specifications) through unit-by-unit details; (2) by the Maintenance Department as an ongoing list of the conditions of both buildings and additions; and (3) by the Staff Architect in future studies. With clearer "specs" some of the problems which occurred during Phase I could be avoided in the future. GHI Management will appreciate the cooperation of members in expediting this vital survey.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community

Public Meeting:

YOUTH/PARENT

PANEL DISCUSSION

Friday, February 20 8:00 p.m.

Greenbriar Community House

7600 Hanover Parkway

474-4090/474-0073

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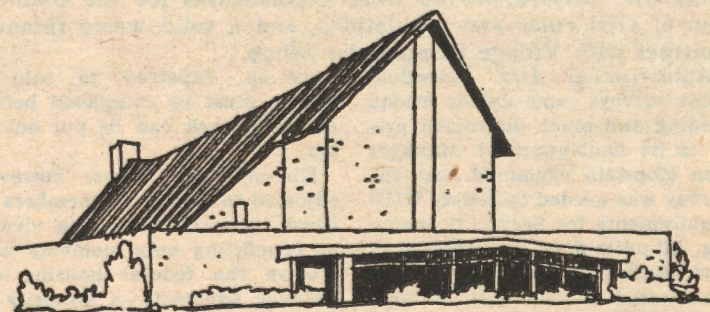
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Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals for Cable Television Services

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 City of New Carrollton
 8511 Legation Road
 New Carrollton, Maryland 20784

All inquiries concerning the RFP should be in writing directed to the above address. Proposals are due at the above address by 2:00 p.m. (EST) on April 21, 1981, at which time they will be opened in a public session. All proposals must be accompanied by an application fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Any portion of fees remaining after expenses for review will be returned, in equal amounts, to unsuccessful applicants.

Drunk Drivers Bills

To the Editor:

Four Greenbelt residents or close members of Greenbelt families were killed in highway accidents last year caused by drunk drivers. There were forty five victims in Prince Georges County and over seven hundred in Maryland. Several times as many were seriously injured, many permanently. Forty percent of the victims were struck by drunk drivers. Their deaths on the highway were not within their control. That is a risk we all take no matter how carefully we drive.

A nationwide reaction has developed to do something about this highway carnage. In Maryland a series of bills has been introduced in the General Assembly to reduce the hazard of drunk drivers by making stiffer penalties, stiffer standards and better control of drunk drivers. The measures of particular concern are Bills 742 through 747.

The undersigned, at the City Council meeting February 23, will ask the Council to support these bills in the House Judiciary Committee where such measures have regularly been killed in past years. We ask all concerned Greenbelt residents who can, to attend the Council meeting next Monday, February 23 at 8 p.m. and voice their support for council action.

This support also needs to be expressed to the Judiciary Committee Chairman, Joseph C. Owens; the Vice-chairman, John W. Wolfgang; and the Prince Georges County delegates, Anthony Cicoria, Pauline Menes, and Joseph Vallorio. Please write or phone these people. If possible, plan to attend the hearings before Owens' Committee that will be held in a few weeks. We will announce these dates in the News Review.

Pat and Charles Tompkins
Ruth Bond
Bertram Donn

PTA Square Dance; Teachers' Breakfast

by June Webb

The Greenbelt Center School PTA is sponsoring a Family Square Dance Night on Friday, February 20 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the school. There will be free popcorn and drinks. Every child should come with an adult. For more information, call Gail Drahe at 345-2522.

With the help of Center School Principal Dr. John Van Schoonhoven, the PTA succeeded in surprising all teachers with a Valentine's breakfast on February 13. Van Schoonhoven had called the teachers in early for an important staff meeting but after a short solemn speech expressing his respect for the teachers, they were welcomed into the decorated teachers' room with corsages and croissants. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed the fun and food and appreciated the "vote of confidence."

Thanks to Ann Rodgers and Beverly Colvin for planning such a special Valentine's celebration for such special teachers.

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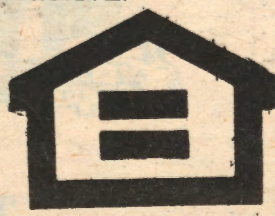
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AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 23, 1981
8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Council Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. PRESENTATION - CABLE Television
Mr. Bruce Jacobs, NCCB
7. Petitions and Requests
8. Administrative Reports
9. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

10. Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title "Corporation-Municipal", Subtitle "Home Rule", to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Said Charter Being Subtitle 40 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1963 Edition as Amended) and Containing in Whole or in Part the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 12, Title "Employee Relations Board", to Provide for the Appointment of Five Members, Their Succession and Removal; and to Provide for Quorum, Procedure, and Powers of the Board
- Second Reading
11. An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt to Issue its Revenue Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed Twenty Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,600,000.00); Such Bonds to be Issued for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Financing for the Rehabilitation of Certain Existing Residential Structures Owned by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and of Providing Refinancing of Certain Outstanding Indebtedness of Said Corporation; to Authorize the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds by Negotiating Sale to Underwriters and Upon Such Interest Rates, Amount, Date, Maturities, Payment, Prepayment and/or Redemption Provisions as May be Duly Approved by a Resolution of the City Council; to Provide for the Payment of the Principal of Any Such Bonds and the Interest Thereon Solely from Payments from the Revenues of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. in Accordance with Documents to be Negotiated Prior to the Issuance of the Bonds, the Form of Which Documents Shall be Duly Approved by a Resolution Adopted Prior to their Execution and Delivery; and to Authorize the Appointment by Resolution of a Trustee and Paying Agent for the Bonds and of Bond Counsel and Other Professionals as May be Necessary to Assist in the Structuring or Carrying Out of the Financing; and to Repeal Ordinance No. 900 to the Extent Said Ordinance is Inconsistent with the Terms Hereof
- Second Reading
12. A Resolution to Authorize the Execution by the City of Greenbelt of a Commitment Letter to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Relating to the Issuance by the City of Greenbelt of Its Revenue Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed Twenty Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,600,000.00) for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Financing of the Rehabilitation of Certain Existing Residential Structures Owned by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the Refinancing of Certain Outstanding Indebtedness of Said Corporation, Through the Repayment of of a Bond Anticipation Note Issued by the Maryland Community Development Administration to Provide Temporary Financing for the Project
- Second Reading
13. A Resolution to Reaffirm Previous Authorization of the Underwriting of the Bonds by Blyth Eastman Paine Webber Incorporated and Baker, Watts & Co. and the Appointment of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll as Bond Counsel for a Proposed Bond Issue of the City of Greenbelt, the Proceeds of Which Will Provide Primary Financing for the Rehabilitation of Certain Existing Residential Structures Owned by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
- Second Reading
14. Baker-Witt Properties Behind Greenway Center
(Advisory Planning Board Report #243)
15. Voter Registration by Mail
(Board of Elections Report)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

16. Ordinance to Amend Article II. "Construction Permits" of Chapter 18, "Streets and Sidewalks" of the City Code to provide for permit requirements for construction within the public street right of way and the construction of private right of way access, sidewalks and parking compounds in the development of property with townhouses under the regulations of the R-T zone - First Reading
17. Liquor License Applications - Denny's and Beefsteak Charlie's
18. Regional Fund for Water Quality Management Programs
19. Resignation from Advisory Planning Board

V. COMMUNICATIONS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

More Fund Raisers For Joe Michiline

The Greenbelt Jaycees announced at its meeting last Tuesday that Holiday Health Spa of Greenbelt has donated a gift charter limited membership to the Greenbelt Jaycees for the purpose of raising funds for Joe Michiline. Individuals participating in any of the fund raising activities, the "Up and Over" Dance sponsored by the Roosevelt Democratic Club on Friday, February 27 and the Gong Show, co-sponsored by the Cultural Arts Center on February 28—or donating \$2 or more will be eligible to win the prize. The raffle winner will be announced in March.

Joe Michiline will be introduced this Saturday, February 21, before the Sons of the American Legion at that organization's dance on Saturday, February 21. During the course of the dance there will be a Chinese raffle to raise funds for Michiline.

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

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AT THE 1981

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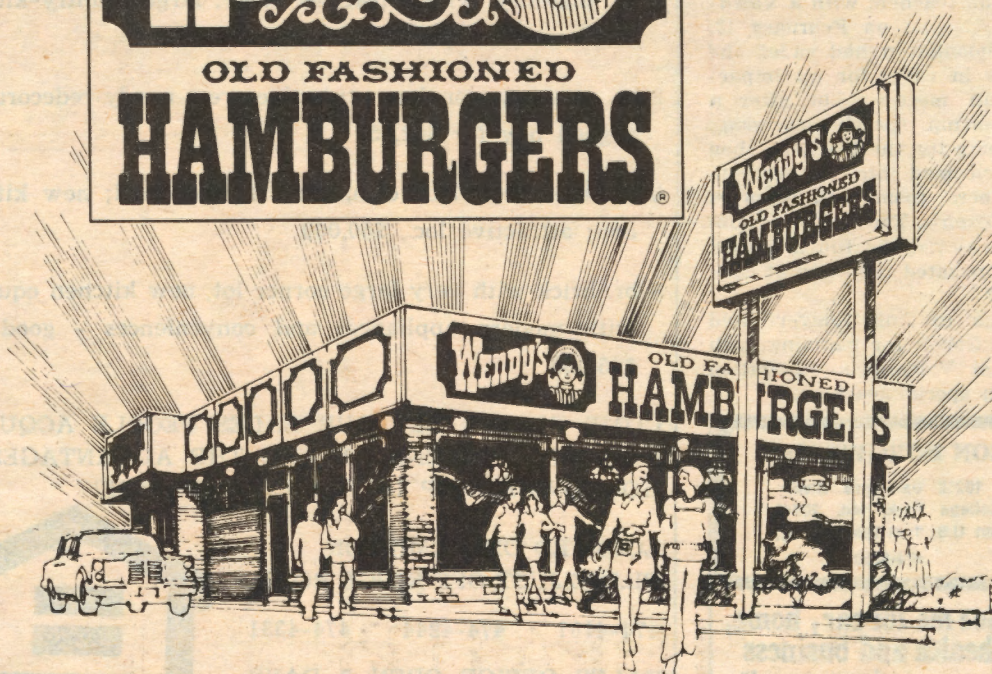
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James, and Jenkins.

GHI Manager Ken Kopstein revealed that for the past two months, HUD has been late in releasing rehab funds to GHI. Therefore GHI has had difficulty in making payment to rehab contractors on time. As various work projects are completed, the county inspects them; after approval, payment is authorized. Approval for attic and electrical work has been delayed because the county's only inspector is ill. Management has taken short term loans with Citizens Bank at 20% interest to meet GHI's obligations. Kopstein requested board approval of that action. He expected the problems to be cleared up soon. Although Ed James said "let them (the contractors) wait" for their money, the consensus of the board members was to approve the borrowing.

Kopstein gave an update on negotiations with the rehab insulation installers. Universal Insulation. Management met with company officials on February 11. Payment has been withheld pending resolution of the problems GHI has experienced with Universal.

The Finance committee was directed to interpret GHI policy on the payment of heating maintenance charges by owners who have converted their heating systems on their own. Audit committee member Ruth Myers had requested clarification of the policy.

The board gave final approval of authorization to spend up to \$22,400 for completion of the procedures manual and codification of GHI rules and regulations.

Management, dissatisfied with BFI, the previous rehab waste disposal contractor, had told the company their contract would not be renewed. BFI immediately pulled out their disposal units, leaving GHI with no trash removal service for rehab. Therefore, the board dispensed with first and second reading and gave final approval to contracting with Village Disposal, the lowest of three bidders.

On a motion by Hogensen, the board asked management for a monthly financial report on the

COUNCIL SUPPORTS APB

by Leta Mach

Council took action on several advisory board reports at its February 2 meeting. Council adopted the Advisory Planning Board (APB) report on the 5-acre former Smith-Ewing property which will become the eastern portion of Greenway Shopping Center. The site plan was approved subject to certain conditions. One condition was provision for individual site plans when the five lots of the small triangular tract are developed. Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak said the owners were amenable to a sidewalk/bikepath on the southern side of the access road. However, City Manager James Giese felt the owners were unhappy with the provision that the lot on the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway have a driveway on the access road instead of Hanover Parkway. That lot is slated for a gas station, Giese explained.

Council also adopted the APB recommendation to approve the revised site plan for Lakeside West moving the building restriction line to 140 instead of 150 feet from the Beltway. The owners of Parcel 15 felt that otherwise large enough single-family homes could not have been built on the one-third acre lots. Two pathways to the lake park and about one acre, dedicated to city parkland, are also included in the site plan. The Planning Board has imposed a condition for the location of an access to a possible future Beltway pedestrian overpass.

Council also accepted an APB report and a Board of Elections report for consideration at a future meeting. At the request of Western Development Corporation, APB commented on plans for about 12 acres behind Greenway just outside city boundaries.

expenditure of rehab funds.

Curtis related that the Ad Hoc Electric Heat Conversion committee will have a report soon. The committee is determining how much electric heat the model units are using.

APB recommended R-T (townhouse) east of Hanover Parkway and C-O (commercial office) west of Hanover Parkway.

A Board of Elections report suggested a charter amendment to clarify mail registration procedures. After some discussion, council directed staff to prepare a possible amendment for the next session if council decides it is necessary. City staff noted that time was running out for such an amendment to take effect before the voter registration drive begins.

Council, with councilman Richard Castaldi dissenting, decided to voice its opposition to a Council of Governments (COG) position against the expansion of National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) authority. NCPC wishes to restrict the height of private development in the topographic bowl and influence land development along gateway highways to the Nation's Capital. The topographic bowl includes the area of Washington, D.C. and Arlington which is close to sea level. Councilman Thomas White spoke fervently about local "disregard of the vista and view of the Nation's Capital." He called it a "reasonable, rational, and appropriate role for NCPC." Castaldi felt there should be more than one approach to the issue. Giese felt the gateway highways and NCPC's encroachment upon the role of those jurisdictions was the issue for COG to fight, not the topographic bowl. Commenting on Greenbelt's position, councilman Richard Pilski said, "It may be just a straw in the wind, but at least it will blow in the right direction."

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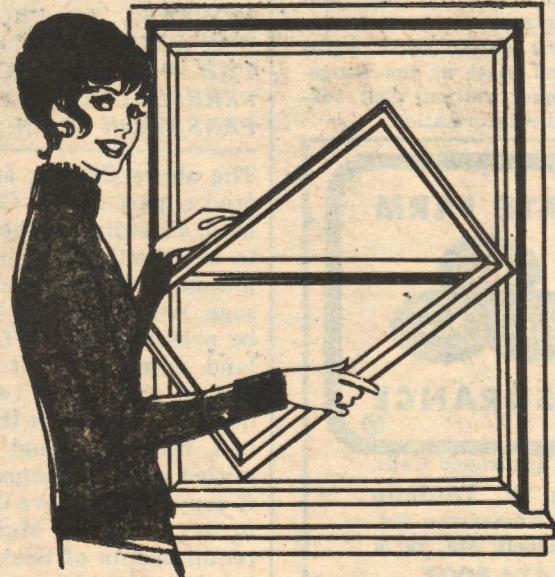
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An adult man was arrested on Feb. 15 for breaking and entering on Mandan Road. He is presently incarcerated on \$10,000 bond. Det. Sgt. Thomas Ceccarelli charged the man on four counts of burglary. The arrest was made at Colonial Plaza Motel by Greenbelt officers and Maryland State police.

Two armed robberies took place in the night deposit area of the Equitable Trust Bank in the Beltway Plaza. Both victims were women who were making deposits after 10 p.m. The suspect, who is described as a black male, 6 ft. 2 inches tall, slim build and in his 20s, and operating a Datsun Hatchback, approached the victims and displayed a long barrel revolver. In both cases the man demanded the money bag and fled the area. Lookouts have been issued.

Officer DiPietro arrested a man for impersonating a police officer. Pfc. O'Neil arrested a suspect for being in possession of a stolen license plate.

An apartment on Mandan Road was entered by someone going into the attic and breaking in from the ceiling. Jewelry, a TV set and other items were stolen.

As a result of investigation, Pfc. Douglas Sappington arrested a 21-year-old non-resident male and charged him with indecent exposure while in a vehicle on the Beltway Plaza parking lot.

A home on Laurel Hill Road was apparently entered without force and some jewelry of unknown value was stolen.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Judge Vincent Femia will speak at a meeting of the Prince Georges Republican Club on Monday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Club House. His topic will be "Crime in Prince Georges County—Juvenile and Adult, and the Court System." All are welcome.

There will be a cash bar at 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. (both optional). For dinner reservations, call 262-7657 or 627-6508 by Feb. 21.

IN GREENBELT PARK

There will be a winter photography hike in Greenbelt Park on Saturday, Feb. 21. Those interested should meet at 1 p.m. at the campground information station.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, there will be a non-interpretive hike in the park. Hikers should wear warm clothing and meet at the campground ranger station. Call 344-3943 for more information.


TM Meeting at Library

A free public lecture on Transcendental Meditation will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library.

The lecture, given by Mark Stickels, a Greenbelt resident and TM teacher, will cover new re-

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CITY OF GREENBELT,
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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting of February 2, 1981, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1 (Resolution No. 468); and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 54, TITLE "CUSTODY OF MONEYS", TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SAID SECTION SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEYS DEFERRED UNDER AN ESTABLISHED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

The above Charter amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 24th day of March, 1981, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 14th day of March, 1981, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt. A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870.

James K. Giese, City Manager



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